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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Ron Arthun, on March 9, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ron Arthun, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 70, 2/23/2011; HB 86, 2/23/2011; HB 99, 2/23/2011; HB 120, 2/23/2011

Executive Action: HB 86, Be Concurred In; HB 70, Be Concurred In; HB 120, Be Concurred In

HEARING ON HB 99

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:38 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 99, Generally revise laws relating to absentee ballots and mail ballots.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:19 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State
[EXHIBIT\(sts53a01\)](#)
00:10:14 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties
00:10:50 Rep. Pat Ingraham

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:31 Sen. Mowbray
00:13:08 Linda McCulloch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:54 Rep. Ingraham

HEARING ON HB 70

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:29 Rep. Mike Menahan (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 70, Revise laws related to public employees retirement system.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:45 Melanie Symons, Montana Public Employee Retirement Board (MPERA)
[EXHIBIT\(sts53a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(sts53a03\)](#)
00:33:27 Kevin Nelson
[EXHIBIT\(sts53a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:29 Sen. Mowbray
00:39:40 Kevin Nelson
00:40:25 Vice Chairman Arthun
00:40:33 Kevin Nelson
00:41:40 Sen. Balyeat
00:41:54 Rep. Menahan
00:42:05 Sen. Balyeat
00:42:16 Melanie Symons

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:44 Rep. Menahan

HEARING ON HB 86

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:24 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 86, Revise teachers' retirement system laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:16 Denise Pizzini, Montana Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)
[**EXHIBIT\(sts53a05\)**](#)
00:59:26 Kevin Nelson

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:42 Sen. Mowbray
01:03:11 Denise Pizzini, TRS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:08 Rep. Wilmer

01:05:36 recess
01:05:40 Sen. Blewett left the hearing.
01:12:47 reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 86

01:13:05 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HB 86 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:13:13 Sen. Balyeat
01:14:11 Vice Chairman Arthun
01:14:50 Sen. Balyeat
01:15:03 Sen. Mowbray

01:15:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blewett, Sen. Shockley and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Jent will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 70

01:16:00 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HB 70 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:16:09 Sen. Balyeat
01:16:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blewett, Sen. Shockley and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Jent will carry the bill.

DISCUSSION ON HB 99

01:17:51 Rachel Weiss, LSD
01:18:17 Sen. Balyeat

DISCUSSION ON SB 321

01:19:36 Sen. Balyeat

HEARING ON HB 120

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:20:03 Rep. Tom McGillvray (R), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 120, Provide for audio minutes as official minutes.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:39 Sen. Mowbray
01:21:55 Rep. McGillvray
01:22:37 Sen. Balyeat
01:22:59 Rachel Weiss

01:23:25 Sen. Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:50 Rep. McGillvray

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 120

01:24:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HB 120 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blewett, Sen. Shockley and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Blewett will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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